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JANUARY MUSTER CALL

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Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

If you missed the Commander's Christmas Party, you missed a good time, good food, and a chance to relive the Old South once again. The Nominating Committee presented its report for officers for 1993. This month we will install those officers. All those elected will want to attend for the installation, and all the rest of you need to attend to offer your support to the newly elected/installed officers. Because, without your assistance, the officer corps just doesn't have a chance of accomplishing anything. You are the ones that make or break this camp. Say, how about a resolution to attend meetings this year so we can be the very best camp possible. We can't do it without you!

The program will be brought by Glenn Hadeler, immediate Past Commander.

OFFICERS FOR 1993

Commander.....Allen Matetzschk
1st Lt.Cdr.....Bill Campbell
2nd Lt.Cdr.....Patrick Reilly
Adjutant/Treas.....Greg Hector
Quartermaster.....James Lewis
Judge Advocate...Earl Wellborn
Color Sergeant.....Todd Hector
Surgeon.....John Luedecke
Chaplain.....Tom Bishop

MOSB OFFICERS ELECTED

The John H. Reagan Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars met briefly at the Commander's Christmas Party and elected officers to lead it for the year 1993. The Commander will be Patrick Reilly. The Lt. Commander will be John Luedecke, and the Adjutant will be Greg Hector. Recruits for this organization are being actively sought. To join your ancestor must have been an officer or a member of a governmental office. Bob Brown, Tex. Society Lt. Commander, attended the Christmas Party and gave a pitch for the MOSB. Patrick wants to move the chapter forward, but he needs the help of members and new recruits to do so.

CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY

Texas Confederate Heroes Day will again be celebrated by good and true Confederates on SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY 1993, at the Bishop Chapel, Camp Mabry. The start time is 2:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend to honor our Texas Confederate Heroes. If we do not keep this holiday, then we cannot be blamed if the Legislature does away with it. So it is incumbent upon us all to take part. Uniformed members are encouraged to wear their uniforms. Please do not fail to attend this very important celebration.

Members of our camp who are on the program include Gen. Bishop, Cdr. Matetzschk, and Greg Hector.

LUNCHEON INVITATION

Our sisters in the United Daughters of the Confederacy have extended a cordial invitation to members of the SCV and guests to attend their annual Luncheon honoring Lee, Jackson, and Maury. The luncheon will be held on SATURDAY, 16 JANUARY, in the Palm Room of the Terrace located at 200 Academy Drive, Austin. Assembly is at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon is at 12 noon. The speaker will be F. Kent Reilly III. Reservations are required and are due by January 10th. Please send reservations to Elaine Kubrinski, 5808 Libyan Drive, Austin 78745. The cost is \$10. The UDC has specifically asked that we help them continue this luncheon by our attendance. Please attend, if at all possible.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION

The West Texas Brigade recruited at Christmas at Old Ft. Concho in San Angelo in December and now have scheduled the organizational meeting for a new 38th camp for San Angelo on 9 January at Ft. Concho. This new camp will be the 5th in this growing Brigade along with Abilene, Midland, Lubbock, and Amarillo. By the way, the Brigade Commander is a descendant of the gallant boy Major John Pelham. His name is Mark Pelham, and he is doing a fine job for the Texas Division in West Texas.

Cdr. Pelham reported that due to the help sent by Confederates throughout the state, the Midland County Commissioners will probably allow the statue to be placed in the cemetery there. The decision was postponed until January, but it looks as if the vote will support the Southern Cause! Congratulations again to Mark Pelham and the West Texas Brigade and Midland Camp.

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*Just a friendly reminder
that your **camp dues** are due.*

DUES REMINDER

Please remember that 1993 dues are now due and payable. Your notice was sent in the December newsletter. About 40% have paid; there are many more of you who have not. Please either bring your dues to the January meeting or mail them to the Adjutant.

LITTLEFIELD HOME HAUNTED?

Legends surrounding this old home just north of the tower on the campus of UT have interested students and visitors for years. The house was built by our namesake, Major George Washington Littlefield in 1894. At that time it was on the outer edge of the campus. Uncle George had no children to survive infancy, but sent his nephews to the University. He watched students walk the campus from his office window. He was one of the largest benefactors of UT. He served on the Board of Regents from 1911 to 1920 the year of his death. Rumor is that ghosts walk the floors of the Littlefield Home. If so, they share the house with departments and offices of the University which have been there over the years.

CONFEDERATE RECORDS CRUMBLE AWAY (from Confederate Gazette, Temple, John Perry, editor)

Confederate records including payrolls, hospital records, prison records, gov't. correspondence, Confed. Congressional bills, and Army muster rolls are being allowed to decay away. This amounts to over 5,730 cubic feet of records! They are held in the National Archives' central facility in Washington. They are kept in stacks of ordinary cardboard boxes with no precautions being taken. Lesser grade Confederate paper is part of the problem. Poorly made ink is another part of the problem. Then the Archives are the repository of all kinds of documents, and we have no effective lobby for proper care of our documents. The most irreplaceable are the muster rolls where commanders kept records every two months with names of all in companies and regiments, sick or well, absent or present, the supplies, arms, etc. There are no plans to microfilm, but funds were available to preserve the records of the 54th Mass. (the black regiment in Glory). Even though a new state of the art building was built, the records to be taken there include janitorial matters of the gov't. Congressional action is required. Write your Senators and Congressmen concerning this matter to appropriate necessary funds to preserve our heritage.



CONFEDERATE HERITAGE DAY

The First Annual Confederate Heritage Day will be on 30 January 1993 in Lee Park, between Lemmon and Hall on Turtle Creek in Dallas. Members of the Dallas camps saved the statue of Lee and the park in August and now are sponsoring an all-day heritage event. Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. Speeches begin at 10 a.m. in the replica Arlington Mansion in the park. There will be some from Austin, San Antonio, and Waco/Temple area attending, but we could use more. This plus event arising from a possible negative should be a chance for all of us to rejoice, teach the public and receive positive news coverage for the Cause. Will you be there?

WACO CELEBRATION NIXED

An announcement had been made concerning a combined Central and South Texas Brigade SCV Confederate Heroes Day event to be held in Waco. Due to circumstances beyond control, this celebration will NOT be held this year. Perhaps in the future?

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 1993 Confederate Calendars have arrived and were distributed at the Christmas Party. If you have not picked yours up, they will be available at the January meeting. We only over ordered by two calendars, so if you want one (and who wouldn't), get it at the Jan. meeting.

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